

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2010

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Development & Parks

*Beryl D. Anderson, Chair
Nancy R. McGregor
David L. Samuel*

Members Present: Beryl D. Anderson, Nancy R. McGregor and David L. Samuel

Additional Attendees:

Sadicka White; Jennifer Teal; Mike Musser; Tom Weber; Brian Hoyt; Isobel Sherwood; Mayor Stinchcomb.

ISSUES - From Director of Parks & Recreation:

Authorize Contract - Terra Surveying - Lot Split Survey

Anderson called the Development and Parks Committee meeting for Monday, January 25, to order.

Sherwood said she would cover the first 2 agenda items since Collins was out of town; item 1 is an Ordinance request for a lot split that Collins and I have been working on for about 2 years; when 270 was built, there was a triangle of land that did not get included in the land that was swapped; we need a survey and then Turner can get with the City of Columbus to initiate the process to get this to us; we have the money in the City Attorney's account; we would like authorization for the Mayor to enter into the agreement for the survey services. McGregor asked if this property was surrounded by City property. Mayor said yes; this is just an accidentally orphaned property situation we need to correct.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

Authorize Contract - Terra Surveying - Shull Park

Sherwood said the next item is an issue from Weber and I about Shull Park; we found a boundary discrepancy between the legislation and the deed on acreage; we need to pay for a survey to make sure we have the exact boundary and acreage; this request is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for the survey. McGregor asked if this is a big land discrepancy. Sherwood said it is a couple of acres. Mayor said it goes back to when this was adopted in 1986. Anderson asked for any other questions; there were none.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

OEPA SWIF Grant

Musser said we are requesting authorization to apply for an OEPA (Ohio Environmental Protection Agency) Grant; the grant is up to \$150,000 from their SWIF (Surface Water Improvement Fund) to remove invasive species; we would start at Creekside and move south down the Big Walnut Trail into Friendship Park and to the confluence of the creeks; we are asking for permission to apply for the grant. McGregor said would this be for the area along the boardwalk by the golf course. Musser said it would include Wally Field and around the marina by the old Sky Box; we will go as far as we can with the money we would have. Samuel asked what would we remove. Musser said anything invasive and then we would replant what is naturally occurring to this area; OEPA is looking for a high profile project since it is a new program, and Creekside meets that requirement; that means we have a good chance at this opportunity, but there are no guarantees.

Anderson asked for any other items or updates from Parks; there were none.

Recommendation: Resolution; Consent Agenda.

Development Department Updates

Anderson asked if Development had any other business.

White said she would like to remind Council members about the Groundhog Day Economic Forecast Breakfast coming up February 2 as not everyone has responded. McGregor asked if she could send a representative. White said it would be fine since they are in the business community; just let us or Sherwood know for the RSVP.

White said we do not usually provide information on an issue in advance of it being presented to Council; but we did so on Melissa's House just in case you didn't know about it; there are meetings being held and the press is involved; it is not yet before Council but at least with this information, you have some idea of the project and perhaps can go look at the site and get familiar with it; we decided to provide this information in advance in case you get questions. Samuel said don't we have a land use plan for the area. White said yes; it is online; if you have any questions or comments, we can talk with you specifically; we will have detailed discussions when this comes to Council, but this update is because you might be getting some calls.

Meeting Adjourned.

Della Brandenberger, Reporting